

## THE SPEAKERSHIP.

The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* charges that Mr. Adams' friend, William V. Butler, the "cavalier" of Mr. Adams himself.

The number of steamboat accidents the past year was thirty-four, the average loss of life being one passenger to every 1,750,000 carried.

The Republicans of Indiana are talking of Gen. Straight, of cavalry rank, Maj. Calkins and Gen. Cohn as candidates for governor.

Tex. Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks will shortly sail for Europe, to be gone several months. In this way he will get out of a sea of political troubles.

There is a strong and influential movement in progress in favor of getting the next Republican National Convention to meet at Chattanooga, Lake.

John McCaskey, of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, is reported to have put over \$100,000 for the defeat of Carlisle. "A fool and his money soon part."

Consensus ought by all means to make an appropriation at this session for the construction of a national library building on a grand scale, to cost not more than \$500,000.

Montreal has decided, as we learn from a circular, that she must have an other winter carnival, and preparations have already begun to make it more imposing than that of last year.

Dr. J. G. Wood, describing the perfect discipline which exists among colonies of ants, says that the officers, who are always in the year, are distinguished only by their big heads. Just like many of our statesmen.

The Boston Herald suggests that those people who are outraged because Gov. Butler's charges against Adams, intend to believe what Adams says about Virginia.

The common sense solution of the question what to do with the surplus revenue is to stop collecting them—that is, repeal the tariff on the necessities of life and thus help the greater number of people.

Calais, the novelist, is interesting his readers in Boston with what he terms African-Croquet, which is a new game, with "sufficient native skill to enable any staid old man to pick out the time." Of course it is a revelation to the Bostonians.

The New York Times is authority for the statement that Mr. Cassidy, the Democratic Congressman from Indiana, intends to introduce a bill to disfranchise the women of Utah, inasmuch as the present method enables a Mormon with twelve wives to cast thirteen votes.

Gov. Ireland, of Texas, has issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$500 for the apprehension of any person aiding and abetting in this atrocious crime in that State. But if the train-wreckers see the governor and go him one better, what then?

The coinage of silver dollars ought to be stopped at once. These dollars are not in circulation by a great many millions. The people don't want them, and it is a useless expense of time and money to newly coin them. The government vaults as the basis for silver certificates. The dollar of the day has had its day.

The New Orleans *Tribune-Democrat* and the Atlanta *Constitution* make a most ridiculous and unnecessary fuss, says the *Vicksburg Herald*, at the wrong time on the speakership. "The influence of those journals in favor of the Hon. Samuel J. Randall was just nothing at all, and did not add to his strength the one hundredth fraction of a single vote."

The Philadelphia Times is very mad over the election of Mr. Carlisle to the speakership of the House, as witness the following: "This would be the logical Catholic Democratic ticket for 1884. President, Joe Blackburn, of Kentucky; Vice-President, Billy the Champ, of Illinois; Platform—Abolish all factories and customhouses. Music—The rebel yell."

Crooks will find this session have to pass upon the advisability of abandoning several navy-yards as being entirely useless under the present conditions of naval requirements. Thus all the New England yards are threatened, as built from crabs in them would entail the expense of carrying for long distances of all the materials consumed. So says the Chicago News.

The value of the personal estate of the late Bishop Colman is found to be \$2,000. By his will he says that, having already spent considerable sums in the education and advancement of his two sons, he leaves them \$200,000 each at the young time, upon trust that his wife and three daughters, in death, as in life, the bishop says a good example.

The Earl of Devon offers to sell out his Irish tenantry. For such part of the purchase money as he wishes to pay, by borrowing from government under the act to assist tenants by their holdings, he proposes that they should pay him four per cent, until they can pay it off, he, of course, having a lien on their farms until that is done. This is a fair offer and ought to be accepted.

Mr. De Pover, who was an accomplished journalist in New Orleans, but who is now a very wealthy railroad operator, is suing Mr. Villard, an ex-newspaper reporter and now a great millionaire, for maladministration of his trust as president of the Northern Pacific railroad. The whiff of time brings many changes, but none more wonderful than this.

The Vicksburg Herald, commenting on John H. Gordon's letter in the interest of Randall for speakership, says that "the experience of the general in signing a letter recommending the Legislature of Texas to elect John Hancock to the United States Senate, and the Philadelphia Times says, justly, that 'he is so far removed from the Platts, Millers and Laphams, who have been a standing reproach to New York for some years, that he is a civil service companion of the practical type, and his election would be such an endorsement of this principle as it has not yet received from any State.'"

ANDREW D. WHITE, the scholarly and brilliant president of Cornell University, it is said, is a candidate for the United States Senate from New York to succeed Mr. Tappan. The Philadelphia Times says, justly, that "he is so far removed from the Platts, Millers and Laphams, who have been a standing reproach to New York for some years, that he is a civil service companion of the practical type, and his election would be such an endorsement of this principle as it has not yet received from any State.'"

## NEW YORK BANKERS SEE NO REASON FOR ALARM IN THE ELECTION OF MR. CARLISLE.

Senator Mahone Defines His Relations to the Republicans, and Declares that He Will Vote on All Questions According to His Preferences, and Not by Party Affiliations.

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## DIED.

FOGARTY—Wednesday morning, December 5, 1883, at 7:30 o'clock, KATE KIRK, infant daughter of Daniel and Catherine Fogarty, aged 17 months, at 10 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

CHISHOLM—At his residence, No. 341 Jefferson street, on Wednesday afternoon, December 5, 1883, at 10:30 o'clock, FRANK R. CHISHOLM, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chisholm, aged 4 years, at 10 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

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